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June 6, 2005

Ms. Sheila Semans  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUPPORT: California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program  
Draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Dear Ms. Semans:

The County of Monterey is in receipt of the California State Coastal Conservancy's May 3, 2005, Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program.

The Initial Study has been reviewed and the County of Monterey is in general support of the proposed removal methodology for derelict fishing gear in the Monterey County coastal area.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this report.

Sincerely,

Nick Chiulos  
Principal Analyst, County Administrative Office

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cc: Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
Lew C. Bauman, Monterey County Administrative Officer

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May 25, 2005

Ms. Sheila Semans  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**RE: SCAG Clearinghouse No. I 20050298 California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program**

Dear Ms. Semans:

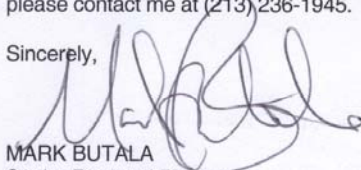
Thank you for submitting the **California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program** for review and comment. As areawide clearinghouse for regionally significant projects, SCAG reviews the consistency of local plans, projects and programs with regional plans. This activity is based on SCAG's responsibilities as a regional planning organization pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations. Guidance provided by these reviews is intended to assist local agencies and project sponsors to take actions that contribute to the attainment of regional goals and policies.

We have reviewed the **California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program**, and have determined that the proposed Project is not regionally significant per SCAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Criteria and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15206). Therefore, the proposed Project does not warrant comments at this time. Should there be a change in the scope of the proposed Project, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment at that time.

A description of the proposed Project was published in SCAG's **May 1-15, 2005** Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report for public review and comment.

The project title and SCAG Clearinghouse number should be used in all correspondence with SCAG concerning this Project. Correspondence should be sent to the attention of the Clearinghouse Coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 236-1945. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
**MARK BUTALA**  
Senior Regional Planner  
Intergovernmental Review

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MAY 16 2005

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: File Number 29599S

Ms. Sheila Semans  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Semans:

This letter is written in response to a request for comments on the *Initial Study-California Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Program* concerning your project to remove derelict fishing gear (lost or abandoned fishing nets, lines, pots, traps, and other commercial and recreational fishing gear that sits on the sea floor, gets caught on rocky reefs, or floats in the water column) as described in the notice from the University of California, Davis, dated May 3, 2005. Your project is located in state marine waters, from the intertidal zone out to the 16-fathom isobath, off of Humboldt and Monterey Counties, California.

All proposed work and/or structures extending bayward or seaward of the line on shore reached by: (1) mean high water (MHW) in tidal waters, or (2) ordinary high water in non-tidal waters designated as navigable waters of the United States, must be authorized by the Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 403). Additionally, all work and structures proposed in unfilled portions of the interior of diked areas below former MHW must be authorized under Section 10 of the same statute.

Your proposed work appears to be within our jurisdiction and a permit may be required for your project. Application for Corps authorization should be made to this office using the application form in the enclosed pamphlet. To avoid delays it is essential that you enter the File Number at the top of this letter into Item No. 1 of the application. The application must include plans showing the location, extent and character of the proposed activity, prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in this pamphlet.

Our Nationwide and Regional General Permits have already been issued to authorize certain activities provide specified conditions are met. Your completed application will enable us to confirm that your activity is already authorized. You are advised to refrain from starting your proposed activity until we make a determination that the project is covered by an existing permit. Commencement of work before you receive our notification will be interpreted as a violation of our regulations.

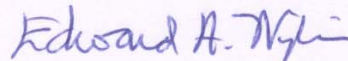
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The Corps also suggests that you contact the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Fish and Game Office to ensure they review your project relative to their permitting requirements for activities that may impact aquatic resources.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Cynthia Jo Fowler of our Regulatory Branch at 415-977-8617. Please address all correspondence to the Regulatory Branch and refer to the File Number at the head of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward A. Wylie".

Edward A. Wylie  
Chief, South Section  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

Copy Furnished:  
UC Davis, Davis CA (Attn: Kirsten Gilardi)